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Re: Arizona Public Service Company (E-01345A-19-0236) – Intervenor in APS rate case; Possible Modifications to the Arizona Corporation Commission’s Retail Electric Competition Rules (RE-00000A-18-0405).

Commissioners,

In response to issues raised by APS customers at the public comment sessions held on July 27 and 28 for APS’s upcoming rate case, I docketed a letter on September 10 raising the possibility of opening up APS’s territory to competition.¹ In the letter, I asked parties and intervenors to develop a record on whether the Commission should open up APS’s territory to competition as part of this rate case to address the issues raised by APS customers.

In response to my letter, on September 22, the Retail Energy Supply Association (“RESA”) applied for leave to intervene in the rate case.² On September 29, APS docketed its opposition to the motion,³ and on October 1, RESA’s motion to intervene was denied.⁴

I disagree with the procedural order denying RESA’s request to intervene in APS’s rate case. To be sure, electric retail competition is a statewide issue; however, APS is the largest electric utility the Commission regulates and therefore its rate case provides a perfect venue to explore how retail electric competition might benefit ratepayers. In addition, Commissioners have expressed an openness to explore retail competition through a pilot program. This rate case provides such an opportunity. Finally, retail competition is a legitimate response to the repeated demand from APS customers to be able to choose their electric utility provider.

Therefore, I would respectfully request Chairman Burns to place this issue on the Commission’s next open meeting for a discussion and vote pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-105(B) on whether to grant RESA’s application for leave to intervene.

I look forward to our discussion of this critical issue.


¹ Commissioner Justin Olson’s letter dated 9/10/20,
<https://docket.images.azcc.gov/E000008850.pdf?i=1602009520694>

² RESA’s Application For Leave To Intervene, 9/22/20,
<https://docket.images.azcc.gov/0000202116.pdf?i=1602009520694>

³ APS’s Opposition to Retail Energy Supply Association’s Motion To Intervene, 9/29/20,
<https://docket.images.azcc.gov/E000009279.pdf?i=1602009520694>

⁴ Procedural Order Denying RESA’s Intervention, 10/1/20,
<https://docket.images.azcc.gov/E000009310.pdf?i=1602009520694>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Justin" being more prominent than the last name "Olson".

Commissioner Justin Olson

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